

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I couldn't stay another day to laugh,
love, work or play.*

*Tasks I left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now. HE SET ME FREE.*

Written by Janice Whitaker



Pall Bearers

Jared Whitaker
Unique Davis, Sr.
Unique Davis, Jr.
Hilton Whitaker, III
Timothy Anderson

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation for your prayers and many acts of kindness extended to them during the homegoing of their loved one. May God bless you.



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A Celebration of Life for

REV. DR. JANICE MAZELLA CASSABERRY WHITAKER

Sunrise: 07/19/1945 | Sunset: 04/25/2026

Saturday May 2, 2026
Visitation 11:00 am Service 12:00 noon

Ebenezer Baptist Church
2020 West Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, NC 28262

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch, Pastor
Rev. Mar Duckett, Presiding
Reverend Gregory Morrison, Eulogist

**Homegoing Celebration
for**

Rev. Dr. Janice M. Cassaberry Whitaker

Order of Service

- Processional
- Invocation
- Opening Hymn.....“It Is Well with My Soul”
- Scripture Readings
 - New Testament ~ Jenee Anderson ~ John 14:1-6
 - Old Testament ~ Jared Whitaker ~ Phillipians 1:20-23
- Selection.....“What Are They Doing in Heaven Today?”
- Prayer of Comfort
- Remarks (2 minutes, please).....Friends and Family
 - Renee Harrison
 - Rev. John K. Baxter
 - Unique Davis Sr.
 - Deborah Boyd
- Resolutions
 - Diane Barr
 - Mt. Olive Baptist Church
 - Ebenezer Baptist Church
 - Chosen City Church
- Obituary (*Read Silently*)
- Poem Reading.....Hilary Whitaker
- Selection.....Choir
- Eulogy.....Rev. Gregory Morrison
- Solo.....Rev. Gregory Morrison
- Recessional.....“Oh, What He’s Done for Me”
- Interment
 - Evergreen Cemetery
 - 4426 Central Avenue
 - Charlotte, NC 28205

**** Repast will be in the church dining hall ****



Obituary

In the wee hours of the morning while her father was away serving in the army and before the Dr arrived, Janice was born at home in Winston-Salem, NC on Friday July 19, 1945. She was the 3rd child and first daughter born to James and Naomi Cassaberry.

Janice grew up in Winston-Salem NC and attended public schools there. After graduating High School, she moved to Brooklyn NY where she met and married Hilton Whitaker, Jr. To this union two children were born: Hilton III and Latoni Elise. After relocating to Plainfield, NJ, Janice graduated from college. After retiring on 1/1/2001 from her job of 28 years as a Day Training Center Supervisor for the State of NJ, Janice earned her Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate of Christian Education degrees. She was also ordained to the title of Reverend in Aug. 2006.

While living in NJ, Janice was a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church for 30 years, where she was Sunday School Superintendent, taught the intermediate and adult Sunday School classes, Wednesday bible study, Deacon/Deaconess & Missionary Bible Study and New members classes. She oversaw the Bulletin Board ministry, was a Prison ministry volunteer, choir member, Deaconess, served on the benevolent committee and regularly attended prayer meeting. She religiously visited the sick and shut in.

She taught at Liberty Bible College in Elizabeth NJ.

She, her daughter and granddaughter relocated to Charlotte NC on 12/11/07 and they became members of Ebenezer Baptist Church in June 2008. At Ebenezer she participated in the Intercessory Prayer ministry, Sunday School, Sr. Saints Bible Study, Sr. Adult and Women’s ministries.

Janice’s parents James and Naomi Cassaberry predeceased her as did her brothers Norman and Donald Cassaberry and sister Ruth Cassaberry.

She’s survived by her 2 children Hilton Whitaker, III and Latoni Kendrick; 2 bonus children Eunique Davis and Megan Plummer; 3 grandchildren Jared Whitaker, Jenee Anderson and Hilary Whitaker; 2 great grandchildren Skylar Anderson and Hilton Whitaker, IV; Loving son in law Martin Kendrick and special daughter in law Diane Barr: Brothers Aaron and James Cassaberry; Sisters Jacqueline Hill, Wanda Davidson, Velva Saunders; half-sisters, Rachael “Shirley” Cassaberry and Anne Easter; nieces, nephews’ friends and church families at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Plfd, NJ and Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC.

On April 25, 2026, Janice went home to be with the Lord! REJOICE!

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